

## Development Lead (Interim)

**Grade 6, £39,297 - £44,753 (pro-rata)**

Contract Type: Fixed Term for 6 months

Hours: 21 to 28 hours per week (Part time)

Forensic Architecture (FA) is seeking a **dynamic, strategic, and values-aligned Development Lead** to play a pivotal role in establishing our individual giving and donor engagement programme at a critical moment of organisational growth.

This interim, six-month role will focus on **building the foundations for a sustainable and diversified individual donor base**, cultivating supporters inspired by FA's work across a range of giving levels. The postholder will help shape systems, relationships, and long-term potential for future development growth.

This role is available at 0.60 or 0.80 FTE over the initial six-month period and is intended as an interim position to lay the groundwork for a longer-term role.

### About Forensic Architecture

FA is an internationally recognised research agency based at Goldsmiths, University of London. We investigate state and corporate violence using cutting-edge architectural, spatial, and digital methodologies. Our work supports legal processes, human rights advocacy, investigative journalism, environmental justice movements, and communities affected by violence.

### About the Candidate

We are seeking an individual who brings a strong commitment to human rights and antiracist and anticolonial values, alongside experience in individual giving, community fundraising and donor stewardship.

This may have been gained within NGOs, charities, advocacy organisations, or grassroots movements.

You will have experience developing supporter and joiner journeys that centre dignity, care, and respect for affected communities, recognising the complexity and sensitivity of their experiences.

This role is well suited to a professional fundraiser who thrives in mission-driven environments, is comfortable working autonomously, and is motivated by the challenge of building and opportunity new systems, relationships and philanthropic pipelines from the ground up. You will join an organisation with an excellent international reputation and a broad base of potential individual giving support.

We welcome applicants who have taken non-traditional pathways into fundraising roles. We also strongly encourage applications from individuals and communities directly affected by state violence, structural racism, colonialism, and displacement.

## How to Apply


To apply, please email the following documents to

 [recruitment@forensic-architecture.org](mailto:recruitment@forensic-architecture.org)

with the subject line “**Application: Development Lead Position**”:

- A covering letter (maximum 3 A4 sides, minimum font size 12) outlining how you meet the criteria and your vision for the role
- Your full CV, including details of two referees
- Two writing samples demonstrating relevant work

Please note: applications that do not follow this process cannot be considered. If you have a disability that may make this difficult, please contact us at the same address to discuss alternative arrangements.

 **Application deadline: 16.00 (BST), Thursday 21 May 2026**

## Interviews

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview on **9 June 2026**.

Candidates will be contacted by email one week in advance with full details, including:

- interview format
- directions to FA’s offices
- details of any formal assessment (e.g. test or presentation).

## Further Information

Selection will be made using a points-based system against the essential and desirable criteria outlined in the Job Description PDF.

The successful candidate will be employed by Goldsmiths, University of London, via a Letter of Engagement. Salary is paid in arrears on the 24th of each month.

The role is based at Forensic Architecture’s offices in New Cross, and applicants must have the Right to Work in the UK. Visa sponsorship cannot be provided.

Staff benefits: <https://www.gold.ac.uk/working/benefits/>

Disability support: <https://www.gold.ac.uk/working/disability/>

## **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion shape how we lead, learn, and work. We are committed to building an inclusive and respectful environment, removing barriers and addressing inequalities so that everyone in our community can belong and thrive.

## **Queries**

Please email any queries to [recruitment@forensic-architecture.org](mailto:recruitment@forensic-architecture.org) in advance of the deadline.